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Applicant : Duanfeng He et al.  
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Title : DIGITIZING BAR CODE SYMBOL DATA

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REPLY TO ACTION OF AUGUST 12, 2003

In reply to the Office Action of August 12, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks.

The examiner has rejected claims 1-24 on "same invention" double-patenting grounds over U.S. Patent No. 6,382,213. The examiner is urged to reconsider and withdraw his rejection. Each of the pending independent claims (1, 8, 14, 21, 22, 23 and 24) differs from the claims of the '213 patent by the insertion of the words "in a laser scanning bar code reader" in the first two lines of the claim. The examiner appears to have overlooked this significant difference in making the double-patenting rejection.

Accordingly, claims 1, 8, 14, 21, 22, 23, and 24 are in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims are all properly dependent on one or more of the independent claims, and thus allowable therewith. Each of the dependent claims adds one or more further limitations that enhance patentability, but those limitations are not presently relied upon. For that reason, and not because applicants agree with the examiner, no rebuttal is offered to the examiner's reasons for rejecting the dependent claims.

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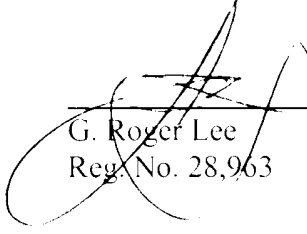
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